

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 5/5¹

CHARTER FOR
INTERAGENCY CLANDESTINE COLLECTION PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
(Effective 4 May 1970)

1. Pursuant to NSCIDs 1 and 5, the United States Intelligence Board hereby establishes the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee, hereinafter referred to as the IPC, to perform the functions set forth below in connection with determining priority needs for the clandestine collection of information by the Central Intelligence Agency outside the United States and its possessions.

2. In consonance with the Priority National Intelligence Objectives (PNIOs) promulgated in DCID 1/3, the IPC will determine those essential foreign information requirements of the United States Government whose fulfillment necessitates clandestine collection operations conducted by the Clandestine Service of CIA and publish comprehensive, current statements (IPC Lists) of such requirements. These requirements must be of such a nature as to exclude intelligence needs that can normally be covered by non-clandestine collection methods.

3. Each department or agency represented on the United States Intelligence Board, including the Army, Navy, and Air Force, may nominate a principal and an alternate IPC member, each to have full authority to act for his department or agency in performance of the functions set forth in Paragraph 2 with particular attention to the determination that requirements submitted by his department or agency necessitate collection by the Clandestine Service of CIA. The Chairman will be a senior official of the Clandestine Service designated by the Director of Central Intelligence.

4. The IPC will reach its decisions by agreement. When the Chairman determines that a given position on a matter under consideration represents the consensus of the IPC, it will be considered agreed unless a dissenting member requests that the issue be referred to the United States Intelligence Board. In the event of such a request the Chairman will refer the matter with dissenting statement to the United States Intelligence Board for decision.

5. Departments and agencies participating in the IPC will provide their representatives with sufficient support to ensure full and timely accomplishment of the Committee's functions. The Clandestine Service of CIA will provide the necessary Secretariat.

¹This Directive supersedes DCID No. 5/5 of 23 April 1965. *

6. The IPC may constitute such task forces or working groups as the Committee considers necessary to discharge its responsibilities properly and may request the represented departments and agencies to furnish necessary support and assistance to such groups.

7. Members of the IPC will be briefed from time to time on the nature, scope, and categories of clandestine collection operations undertaken by CIA, and of the general problems encountered.

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